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SLAVERY, CIVIL WAR, AND CIVIL RIGHTS DISCUSSED AT SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTITUTIONAL PROGRAM

Ongoing Civic Programs Foster Public Conversation about the Constitution

SAN DIEGO –The San Diego Public Library will host the lecture ***Reconstructing the Constitution: Slavery, Civil War, and Civil Rights***, a lecture presented by Professor Bryan Wildenthal of Thomas Jefferson School of Law on Monday, October 15, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Library located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. (Please note that this date is a change from an earlier published listing.)

One of six lectures on amendments to the U.S. Constitution, Professor Wildenthal will speak on the constitutional reforms made following the Civil War as the country embarked on the long historic process of using the Constitution to expand freedom to all its citizens. This program is presented in conjunction with the months long library project, ***Searching for Democracy: A Public Conversation about the Constitution*** sponsored by Cal Humanities.

Searching for Democracy brings together people from diverse backgrounds to attend and discuss the Constitution at programs including lectures, book discussions, films, digital stories, and performance. Young and old, rich and poor, new citizens and long-term residents will have the opportunity to openly explore the understanding of our American heritage and citizenry. The endeavor will also afford individual library patrons a greater understanding of the Library's vast collection of Constitution related titles and digital resources.

Professor Wildenthal is the project scholar for *Searching Democracy* assisting the Library with the overall project. His scholarly interests generally focus on constitutional law and history, American Indian law, and sexual identity law. He has published numerous articles in leading law reviews. His next book will offer a sweeping reinterpretation of the Fourteenth Amendment and its application of the Bill of Rights to the states.

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Learn about the Constitution series and other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at www.sandiegolibrary.gov.

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